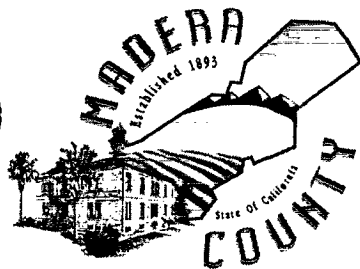


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**CALFED Bay-Delta Program**

July 18, 2000

Mr. Steve Ritchie  
Acting Executive Director  
CalFed Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Ste 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: CalFed's California's Water Future: A Framework for Action

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am writing on behalf of the Madera County Board of Supervisors to express the Board's opposition to and profound disappointment with the CalFed Framework for Action ("Framework"). As presently proposed, the Framework would result in significant, unmitigated impacts to the environment, people, and economy of rural California. It would also reorder control over groundwater resources by stripping Counties of their local control over this critical resource. Additionally, the Framework as presently proposed will cost an enormous amount of money without achieving its principal objectives of saving the Delta and providing for California's long-term water quality, reliability, and supply needs.

As a member of the Regional Council of Rural Counties ("RCRC"), we have endorsed RCRC's position and rational with respect to the Framework. We urge you and all those involved in its development and implementation to make the significant revisions proposed by RCRC before any Record of Decision is filed so that the Program may achieve its stated objectives without doing serious harm to the people of rural California.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John V. Silva".

John V. Silva, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

cc: Senators Feinstein & Boxer  
Representatives Radanovich & Condit  
Governor Davis  
State Senators Monteith & Costa

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